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5 August 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of OCB Luncheon Meeting, 5 August 1959

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, Mr. Gray, Mr. Harr, Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Riddleberger, Mr. Scribner,
Mr. Washburn, Mr. Smith

1. Laos

Mr. Murphy opened the meeting with a discussion of the situation in Laos. In this connection, Mr. Harr pointed out that the OCB will discuss at next Wednesday's meeting the progress report on Southeast Asia, and that the existing Operations Plan for Laos, as well as for most of the other Southeast Asia countries, had been considered by the Working Group and the Board Assistants to be adequate. He said, however, that these judgments had been made before the critical events of the past few days and therefore the Board would no doubt want to consider having the Working Group review the Plan once more.

Mr. Dulles commented that events are moving so rapidly that the situation should be reviewed at once without waiting for the later review of the Operations Plan. He said that it seemed to him that a small inter-agency committee should be formed, consisting at least of State, Defense, and CIA, and that USIA might be brought in on the public relations aspects. He said that he had no particular views on whether or not the OCB should provide an individual to assist the work of the committee, but cautioned that it would have to get into a consideration of covert activities and that therefore the agency representation should be restricted to those directly concerned.

Mr. Murphy said that a key point to bear in mind in connection with inter-agency consideration of the Laos situation was the fact that Ho Chi-min has recently been in the USSR.

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2. Khrushchev's Visit to the United States

The discussion then turned to the impending visit of Mr. Khrushchev to this country. Mr. Murphy noted that the State Department had sent a circular to all mission chiefs (Circular No. 94) on Saturday, giving general guidance on this subject. He emphasized however that a great many questions must be settled and that such matters as where Khrushchev should go and what specific suggestions should be put up to him are under active consideration. He said that Ambassador Menshikov has already queried Moscow for guidance along these lines.

Mr. Gray then asked the State Department's opinion as to the misconceptions regarding the United States that might be in Mr. Khrushchev's mind. Mr. Murphy replied that the Bureau of Intelligence and Research is developing a paper on this subject.

A point was made that it would be important to influence the people of the United States so as to avoid if possible any unpleasant incidents during the visit. To this the DCI commented that he believed it would be futile and perhaps unwise to attempt to put pressure on refugee groups and others whose emotions would be deep-seated and strong. He said that it appeared to him this was primarily a matter of adequate police protection. In this connection, Mr. Washburn commented on an article in today's Washington Post by Edward T. Folliard.

It was agreed in any case that preparations for this visit do not fall within the responsibilities of the Operations Coordinating Board as such.

3. Jackson Investigation

Following up discussions at the previous luncheon meetings, Mr. Gray gave the group some additional information on the investigation of Executive Branch policy-making machinery, scheduled to be conducted by Senator Jackson's committee. He pointed out that all the Board members were by now familiar with the President's guidelines for regulating the participation of elements of the

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Executive Branch in this investigation. He also said that he had met with Jackson's staff, which consists of Messrs. Mansfield, Garside, and Tufts, and Miss Dorothy Fosdick. He said that these individuals would receive Top Secret clearances, but not clearances. Mr. Edward A. McCabe of the White House will coordinate activities of the Executive Branch, and is to receive copies of everything given to Senator Jackson.

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The DCI informed the Board that Senator Jackson had requested a study of policy-making machinery in the USSR and Communist China, and that he had agreed to provide this. He also undertook to send to Mr. McCabe a copy of his correspondence with Senator Jackson on the subject. (This was done later the same afternoon.)

Mr. Gray also noted that the Jackson Committee has had referred to it the numerous bills pending in Congress on related subjects, including the bill calling for a Freedom Academy and the bills introduced by Senator Javits and by Senator Wiley.

Mr. Gray said that Senator Jackson had indicated there might be a possibility of beginning the hearings in the Fall, but that he himself felt February was a more realistic date.


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